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SUBJ: FAIVOVICH'S STATUS UNCLEAR

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1. SUMMARY: GEN RUIZ REPORTEDLY TOLD VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS SUNDAY THAT JAIME FAIVOVICH HAS BEEN REPLACED IN INTERVENTOR OF STRIKING TRUCKS BY GEN BONILLA. FAIVOVICH CLAIMING HE STILL HAS JOB. GOBT WILL NAME OTHER MILITARY MEN AS PROVINCIAL STRIKE INTERVENTORS. SUNDAY PROTEST OF TRANSPORT OWNERS' WIVES IN FRONT OF MONDEDA FORCEFULLY BROKEN UP BY POLICE. PCCH-PS ISSUED JOINT DECLARATION SUPPORTING NEW CABINET. END SUMMARY.

2. UNDERSECY TRANSPORTATION JAIME FAIVOVICH MAY HAVE BEEN REPLACED AS INTERVENTOR OF STRIKING TRUCKS, BUT FAIVOVICH HIMSELF QUOTED MIDDAY MONDAY AS DENYING THIS REPORT AND STATING HE HAS BEEN CONFIRMED AS GENERAL INTERVENTOR IN TRUCKERS' STRIKE. NO OFFICIAL GOVT STATEMENT ISSUED AS YET BUT JUAN JARA, PRESIDENT LAND TRANS-
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PORT CONFEDERATION (RODADO), TOLD PRESS SUNDAY THAT MINPUBLIC WORKS

AND TRANSPORT GEN RUIZ HAD CALLED HIM TO REPORT THAT FAIVOVICH WAS OUT AS INTERVENTOR AND THAT HE WILL BE REPLACED BY ARMY GEN HECTOR BONILLA. LATER RODADO STATEMENT PROCLAIMED STRIKE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL FAIVOVICH REMOVED FROM UNDERSECY POSITION AS WELL, AND WITH LATE REPORTS OF FAIVOVICH'S DECLARATION TRUCKERS' LEADER VILARIN WENT ON AIR TO SAY AGAIN THERE IS NO PROSPECT OF SETTLEMENT UNTIL FAIVOVICH GOES. STRIKING SANTIAGO BUS DRIVERS HAVE AGREED TO RETURN TO WORK ON THOSE LINES NOT PARTICIPATING IN BUS OWERS' STRIKE AFTER RECEIVING GOVT ASSURANCE OF POLICE PROTECTION.

3. UPON LEAVING RUIZ' PRIVATE RESIDENCE SUNDAY AFTERNOON, PDC SECGEN CERDA ALSO TOLD PRESS THAT FAIVOVICH HAD BEEN REPLACED BY BONILLA AND ADDED THAT THIS WAS A "POSITIVE ACT." CERDA STATED THAT RESOLUTION OF CRISIS LIES IN "GIVING ALL POWER TO GEN RUIZ SO THAT, ALONG WITH MILITARY INTERVENTORS, HE CAN ARRIVE AT A SPEED SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT." IN REACTION TO FAIVOVICH'S DENIAL, PDC V.P. OLGUIN CALLED THE UNDERSECY AN "IMBECILE" AND SAID HIS ACTIONS PLACED MILITARY MINISTERS IN A "RIDICULOUS POSITION."

4. MILITARY INTERVENTORS REFERRED TO BY CERDA WERE BONILLA AND GEN HERMAN BRADY, WHO WILL PRESUMABLY MAINTAIN HIS POSITION AS INTERVENTOR OF STRIKING PASSENGER TRANSPORT. CABINET MET EARLY SUNDAY EVENING AND, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL STATEMENT, IN FACE OF NON-COMPLIANCE OF STRIKERS WITH GOVT ULTIMATUM TO RETURN VEHICLES TO SERVICE BY 6 P.M. SUNDAY "RESOLVED TO NAME MILITARY INTERVENTORS IN ALL OF THE NATION'S PROVINCES, WHO WILL ADOPT THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO GET THE PARALYZED SECTOR BACK TO WORK." STATEMENT ASSERTED THAT CABINET "COMPLETELY UNIFIED" IN APPROCH TO STRIKE PROBLEMS IN APPARTENT EFFORT TO DISCREDIT LA PRENSA SPECULATION (RE-FTEL) THAT MILITARY MINISTERS NOT IN ACCORD WITH GOVT ULTIMATUM TO STRIKERS. GOVT DECLARATION ALSO STATED THAT PRES ALLENDE WOULD ADDRESS NATION MONDAY MORNING. AS OF LATE AFTERNOON HE HAS YET TO SPEAK.

5. SUNDAY'S MAIN EVENT WAS MID-AFTERNOON SKIRMISH IN FRONT OF THE MONEDA BETWEEN A GROUP OF SEVERAL HUNDRED PROTESTING WIVES OF STRIKING TRUCKERS AND POLICE WHO USED WATERCANNONS AND TEARGAS TO DISPERSE THEM. ACCORDING TO SOME NEWS REPORTS, WOMEN PUT UP TENACIOUS FIGHT AND WERE AIDED BY SOME MALE PROTESTERS.

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PRESENCE OF MEN IN DEMONSTRATION ALLOWING GOVT PRESS TO ARGUE THAT POLICE ACTION PROMPTED BY MALE PROTESTERS' ATTACKS ON PASSERSBY. MERCURIO DENOUNCED "INCREDIBLE VIOLENCE" ON PART OF CARABINEROS. PDC DEPUTIES BLANCA RETAMAL AND WILMA SAAVEDRA, PN DEPUTY SILVIA PINTO AND OPPOSITION RAIDO COMMENTATOR CARMEN PUELMA AMONG THOSE DRENCHED BY POLICE. ONE OR PERHAPS MORE WOMEN SUFFERED BROKEN LEGS AS THEY RAN TO ESCAPE TEARGAS. AFTER DISPERSAL OF CROWD, A NUMBER OF STATE-OWNED BUSES WERE STONED IN

DOWNTOWN AREA.

6. IN END-OF-WEEK SUMMARIES, OPPOSITION POLITICAL COLUMNISTS CONTINUED TO EXPRESS DOUBT ABOUT EFFICACY OF LAST WEEK'S MILITARY ENTRANCE INTO GOVT AND TO SPECULATE UPON STRAINS WITHIN UP. OBVIOUSLY PARTIALLY MOTIVATED BY LATTER, PS-PCCH POLITICAL COMMISSIONS ISSUED JOINT DECLARATION "EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE" THAT INCLUSION OF MILITARY IN CABINET AND COOPERATION BETWEEN ARMED FORCES AND UP WILL SERVE TO DISCOURAGE GOLPE ATTEMPTS, "IMPOSE CLIMATE OF RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY" IN COUNTRY AND SERVE TO ADVANCE UP PROGRAMS. STATEMENT ALSO CALLED FOR "MODIFICATION/ OF ARMS CONTROL LAW TO PREVENT REPETITION OF "TRAGIC ERRORS" WHICH HAVE BEEN COMMITTED. SPEARATE PS DECLARATION REFERRED TO FORMATION OF CABINET AS "THE ONLY VIABLE ALTERNATIVE" TO PREVENT GOLPE AND PUT END TO SEDITION.

7. SCATTERED ACTS OF VIOLENCE CONTINUE TO BE REPORTED THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. BOMBS WERE THROWN AT CHANNEL 6 SANTIAGO STATION AND AT HOME OF NAVAL PROSECUTOR (FISCAL NAVAL) IN TALCAHUANO OVER WEEKEND. EARLY MONDAY MORNING BLAST DESTROYED AUTOMOBILE OUTSIDE HOME IN FASHIONABLE SANTIAGO RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT OF FAR LEFT PS LEADER ARIEL ULLOA (NEXT DOOR TO HOME OF A USIS AMERICAN EMPLOYEE). MAPU (GARRETON) ISSUED STATEMENT OVER WEEKEND CHARGING THAT NAVY PERSONNEL RECENTLY ARRESTED IN ALLEGED SUBVERSION PLOTS HAD BEEN MISTREATED AND TORTURED WHILE IN CUSTODY. INVESTIGATION INTO ARAYA CASE CONTINUES AND, ACCORDING TO PRESS, ARREST WARRANTS WERE ISSUED BY NAVAL PROSECUTOR FOR FIVE OR SIX MORE UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS. PRESS SPECULATES THAT WARRANTS ARE DESIGNED TO BRING IN FOR QUESTIONING INDIVIDUALS NAMED BY INVESTIGATIONS CHIEF JOIGNANT AS HAVING PARTICIPATED IN CRIME. THIS MORNING, IN HEARING BEFORE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES COMMITTEE DEALING WITH BRIONES IMPEACHMENT CHARGE, JOIGNANT IS REPORTED TO HAVE DECLARED HE EXPECTS TO ANNOUNCE SHORTLY NAME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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